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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hisano et al.)

Serial No.: 10/798,067)

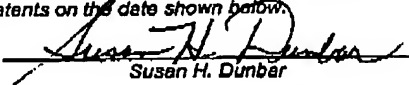
Filed: March 11, 2004)

For: Closed Annular Sealing Material and)
Method for Manufacturing Same)

) Group Art Unit: 3676

) Examiner: Vishal A. Patel

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June 30, 2006
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for three (3) months, to and including June 30, 2006, be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a) in order to extend the period for response to the outstanding rejection of December 30, 2005.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

Respectfully submitted,


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